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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tokas, et al.
Serial No. 09/711,692
Filed: November 13, 2000
For: "Contact Metathesis Polymerization"

Docket No.: IR-2588DIV-1(ET)
Group Art Unit: 1733
Examiner: G. Knable

REPLY

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 7-16- 2003, Applicants amend the application and respectfully request reconsideration therefore in view of amendments and remarks. The fee is authorized in the transmittal in a petition for extension of time.

REMARKS

Claims pending are 1-49, 95, 97 and new claim 99. Claims 53-94, 96 and 98 were canceled previously. New claim 99 (non-elected), is added to replace claim 44 (and is withdrawn to a non-elected species). New claim 99 is dependent upon claim 1 (currently amended).

Applicants acknowledge the grouping of the claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-18, 20-43, 49, 95 and 97 as correct except for claim 19. Claim 19 includes within its scope an elastomer in which the catalyst may be incorporated within it, therefore claim 19 can read on the elected species of elastomer bonded to metal. All Claims drawn to non-elected species are reprinted below. Some have been amended to place them in proper form. (MPEP 809.04) .